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SUBJECT: POLITICAL REFUGEES IN NEPAL

1. THE INDEPENDENT "MOTHERLAND" IN ITS ISSUE OF FRIDAY, JULY 11 REPORTED THAT KARPURI THAKUR, FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OF BIHAR, HAD SOUGHT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN NEPAL. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT HE HAS UNDERTAKEN NOT TO UTILIZE NEPAL FOR ANY ACTION OR OPERATION AGAINST INDIA. HE DID, HOWEVER, REQUEST THE AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW HIM FREEDOM TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE "REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN INDIA." THAKUR ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID IN BIRATNAGAR THAT SMALL NATIONS SHOULD ALWAYS FEAR BIG NATIONS PARTICULARLY WHEN BIG NATIONS WERE GOVERNED BY STRONG AUTHORITARIAN RULERS.

2. COMMENT: THE ISSUE OF THE "MOTHERLAND" ALTHOUGH DISTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF EMBASSIES WAS QUICKLY SUPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID GIVING ANY PUBLICITY TO THAKUR'S VIEWS. WE HAVE CONFIRMED FROM A NUMBER OF SOURCES THAT HE HAS INDEED SOUGHT AND BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM AND THAT HE IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY NEPAL POLICE. HE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN ALLOWED TO MOVE FROM BIRATNAGAR TO KATHMANDU. ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEPALESE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED HAVE

INSISTED THAT HE AND HIS FRIENDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
TO ENGAGE IN ANTI INDIAN ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND AS
THE GOVERNMENT IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THE
REFUGEES NOW IN NEPAL NOT BECOME A POLITICAL
ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
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